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Friends of the Fox River Trail News for November 2019

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Notes from 10/24/2019 quarterly meeting:

Attending:

Mark Ernst, Dawn Goodman, Tracy Flucke, Peter Flucke, Morgan Fuller, Trevor Fuller, Ken Nyberg, Nikki Hilker, Betty Wall, Jim O'Rourke, Cliff Wall and Becky Nyberg

Treasurer's Report: Ken Nyberg

Second Quarter June ending balance:

checking: \$1,124.51

savings: \$2,500.96

total: \$3,625.47

Third Quarter Income:

\$188.96 from donations

 .42 from interest

Total income: \$189.38

Third Quarter expenses

\$50.00 Webmaster

\$844.58 Brown County Back Taxes on Property

Total expenses: \$894.54

Third Quarter September ending Balance

checking: \$418.89

savings: \$2,501.38

Total: \$2,920.27

Brown County Parks report: Nikki Hilker

The ownership of 2 small strips of land near Midway and Lasse Roads in Rockland have been transferred to Brown County Parks. The Friends FRT donated the funds to pay the back due taxes. Next spring BC Parks will level the area and add gravel at Midway Road for a parking lot. They will add parking at Lasse Road too, if needed and funding is available.

BHAG Challenge: Mark Ernst

Mark challenged us to start "Thinking Big". He told us we have to look to the future and keep the FRT in great condition. "Look for that Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG) and then plan for it."

Mark had already met with BC Parks director to talk about some possibilities. BC Parks is planning to recondition the original 6.5 mile paved section of the FRT. They will do some bonding for it and grant applications, but they will need Friends FRT to help with fundraising. Over the next few months, the Executive Committee for Friends FRT will meet with BC Parks and start to formulate a plan. Also on deck is a community meeting for input from the membership and general FRT users. Thanks Mark for lighting a fire under us!

Clean up date: Jim O'Rourke

Nikki Hilker reported that there are many small community groups that volunteer for clean up along the trail during the summer months. Taken all together they do a big job. Jim O'Rourke volunteered to lead our brigade for a buckthorn removal and trash clean-up time.

Saturday November 16, 2019

9 to 11:30 am

St Francis Park area

Meet at the parking lot south of the park with access off of Riverside Drive.

Village of Allouez FRT Access Points study: Trevor Fuller

Trevor brought a presentation from Allouez that details where there are access points to the FRT in the Village. Using this information, Allouez will work to create better access to the FRT by extending the access points from the trail back across Riverside Drive and into the surrounding neighborhoods. The presentation from the report is available at the Village of Allouez website.

<http://www.villageofallouez.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Fox-River-Trail-Access-Study.pdf>

Next quarterly meeting:

Thursday January 23, 2020

7 to 8:30 pm

Gallagher's Pizza on Webster St